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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM USING ACOUSTIC EJECTION FOR PREPARING AND ANALYZING A CELLULAR SAMPLE SURFACE

### SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(e)

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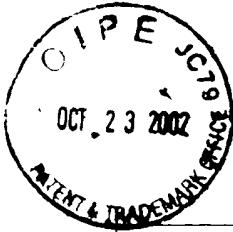
This is a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and make of record the references identified below.

The references listed below are being submitted to the Office promptly after they have become known to applicants and are being submitted prior to the final determination on patentability by the Office.

The references listed below were cited in an International (PCT) Search Report dated October 3, 2002, for the PCT application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. patent application. A copy of the Search Report, including an indication of the purported relevance of the cited references, is enclosed. Copies of the references are also submitted herewith.

A PTO-1449 form listing the references accompanies this paper. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing and returning the form to indicate that the references have been reviewed and made of record. The references are as follows:

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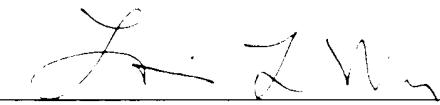
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As this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the International Search Report (i.e, October 3, 2002), no fee is required at this time. If, for any reason, a fee is found to be necessary, our Deposit Account No. 18-0580 may be charged therefor.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement (37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1)).

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